

POLICY

It is the policy of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), in partnership with the North Carolina Department of Commerce and the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources to recognize and further study a set of Strategic Highway Corridors. These Corridors, as identified and described in the Strategic Highway Corridors Concept Report, articulate a new planning focus for North Carolina. They represent a tool to enhance the mobility function of critical highway facilities and provide an opportunity for each Agency to proactively partner with stakeholders and the public to consider long-term vision, consistency in decision-making, land use partnerships, and overarching design and operational improvements.

The Strategic Highway Corridors concept represents the first major implementation step to be advanced under the update of North Carolina's Long-Range Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan. Consistent with the Plan's 25-year investment direction, Strategic Highway Corridors recognizes the need to improve and maximize the use of a distinct set of existing highways. These Corridors are critical to statewide mobility and connectivity and promote a vision of modern, efficient transportation supportive of economic opportunities and environmental excellence.

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PURPOSE

Promote statewide economic prosperity and support the department's environmental stewardship goals

Preserve North Carolina's taxpayer investment in critical highway corridors

Enhance major corridor mobility within and to destinations just outside North Carolina

Enhance connectivity of intrastate and interstate travel

Partner with stakeholders and all vested Agencies to create an up front vision for each Corridor

Identify a desired facility type for each Corridor as Freeway, Expressway, Boulevard, or Thoroughfare

Influence Systems Planning, Funding, Project Planning, Design, Access Management, and Local Land Use decisions along Corridors to achieve broader goals

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